



The Program: Malaga, Salamanca, Tenerife

The aim of this course is to give you the perfect opportunity to practice your Spanish in a relaxed environment and alongside other people over 50, who share your love of Spanish. You will have daily Spanish classes from 9am till 1pm in Tenerife as well as in Salamanca, which combine reading, listening, writing and grammar and focus as much as possible on practical situations, with an emphasis on conversation. Chatting with the teachers whilst having a coffee, strolling through the botanical gardens or along the beach with your classmates are some of the most enjoyable aspects of the course and its informal nature.

Asyouwillbeinaclasswithothermaturestudents, you do not need to worry about sharing lessons withyoungerstudentsandinsteadcanspendtime discussing topics with other, like-minded people. Our interactive method depends completely

on the personal attention the teacher is able to give to you. We determine the composition of the group according to your abilities. There will never be more than 8 people in your class and they will be at the same level of Spanish as you. It is worth noting that this maximum is rarely reached, and the class is usually attended by only 3-4 students. Throughout the course you will receive all the textbooks and other materials you need.

Learning a language is more than simply learning its formal structure. It is also understanding colloquial expressions and becoming familiar with the culture of the people which speak the language. If you wish to participate in the school's cultural classes every evening, this can be arranged, but please be aware that as this class is not part of the 50+ program, the group will be made up of students of all ages.

...At a glance

SPANISH LEVEL

All levels are welcome.

MINIMUM AGE

50 years.

LOCATIONS

Malaga, Salamanca, Tenerife.

FREQUENCY

Spanish course: 20 classes per week.

PARTICIPANTS PER GROUP

Maximum of 8 students per group.

START DATES IN 2015

Malaga: 16/03, 06/04, 04/05, 01/06, 14/09, 19/10, 30/11. Salamanca and Tenerife: 05/01, 16/03, 06/04, 14/09, 19/10, 30/11.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 2-week Intensive Spanish course.
- Activities (see activities section)
- One dance lesson.
- One cultural lesson.
- Guided cultural city tour.
- Study materials.
- Certificate of attendance and the level achieved during the course.
- Multimedia classroom for computer use.

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Malaga

The city of Malaga, located on the sunny southern coast of Spain, is home to the second largest port in the Mediterranean and enjoys average yearly temperatures of 23°C (73°F), making it a pleasant place to stay all year round. Neither too hot to work nor too cold, it creates the perfect environment in which to study without unnecessary distractions in the classroom. It is a small city with a population of about six hundred thousand local inhabitants, which creates a friendly, warm environment in which students can learn Spanish – and you can always find some locals who are willing to chat with you and help you to practice your Spanish once they realise that you are learning. For more information, take a look at the following webpage:

CLASSES:

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNINGS, FROM 9:30 TO 11:20 AND FROM 11:40 TO 13:30, WITH A TWENTY-MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN THESE TWO SESSIONS.

CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

CULTURAL LECTURE

This lecture will be on the topic of Spain's Arab heritage. The Arabs arrived in Spain in the year 711 and they remained in this nation until 1492. Their impact on Spain's culture is still visible today: they influenced its language, gastronomy, music and architecture.

COOKING CLASS: SPANISH OMELET

The Spanish omelet is one of Spain's most well-known delicacies. It is a simple dish which champions local produce: potato, egg, onion, olive oil and salt.

DANCE CLASS: SALSA

A salsa class will give your course a Latin American touch. Learn the basic steps of this Caribbean dance.

SAMPLE LOCAL PRODUCE

Get to know some of Malaga's most important products: its typical sausage, cheese from the Serrania de Ronda mountain range, a local bread called pan cateto with olive oil and the Malaga-style salad. If you want something to drink try the famous sweet wine or the brand of beer called Victoria.

The school also offers a program of optional extracurricular activities and it provides students with a list of recommended trips ,attractions and other things to do (these include visits to monuments and museums, excursions to the Arabic baths, tapas tours, trips to eat churros (fried doughnuts) with chocolate, etc.)



Salamanca (Partner school)

Situated in the northwest region of Castile and Leon, this historic city offers culture and beautiful architecture. Home to one of Spain's oldest universities, Salamanca is a great place to learn Spanish, whilst also immersing yourself in Spanish life. Relax in one of the many cafes & bars or stroll through the windy cobbled streets of the old town. Salamanca, known as Spain's "Golden City" because of the fact that it is built out of yellow sandstone which glows golden as the sun is going down, is home to the fifth oldest university in the world and a wealth of gorgeous historical buildings that are beautifully carved and constructed. For more information, take a look at the following webpage:

CLASSES:

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNINGS FROM 9:00 TO 10:45 AND FROM 11:15 TO 13:00 WITH A HALF-AN-HOUR BREAK BETWEEN THESE TWO SESSIONS.

CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

A VISIT TO THE CITY'S MOST HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

This is a historical and monumental tour where you can get to know Salamanca's landmarks and learn about this city's history (Casa de las Conchas, the Clerecía Church, the Cathedral, the Plaza Mayor, the University, etc.)

SALAMANCA: ART AND CULTURE

This tour combines visits to the city's main literary, artistic and historical landmarks (the Roman bridge with its sculpture of Lazarillo de Tormes, the Huerto de Calixto and Melibea Gardens with their monument to the book entitled la Celestina, the House of the Dead, the adjoining Unamuno House Museum, the Café Novelty (Coffeehouse Novelty) with its statue of Torrente Ballester, etc.)

SONGS

You will be able to learn traditional and current songs from Spain and Latin America thanks to one of our teachers who plays the guitar. Equipped with this knowledge you can then actively participate in festivals, celebrations, etc.

SPANISH GASTRONOMY

During this activity you will be introduced to typical products and dishes (ham, chorizo, cheese, paella, gazpacho, Spanish omelet, etc.) and at the end you will get the chance to taste some of them.



Tenerife (Partner school)

The 50+ program is available in Puerto de la Cruz, an upmarket town located in the northern part of Tenerife, the best-known of Spain's Canary Islands. Tenerife's attractions include far more than the 350km of stunning coastline - visitors can enjoy tropical forest walks, lunar landscapes surrounding the Teide volcano, designer shopping and exquisite Canarian cuisine. The famous Martiánez lakes and Parque Loro also comprise some of the numerous jewels in this island's crown. For more information,take a look at the following webpage:

CLASSES:

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNINGS FROM 9:00 TO 10:45 AND FROM 11:15 TO 13:00 WITH A HALF-AN-HOUR BREAK BETWEEN THESE TWO SESSIONS.

YOUR SPANISH PLACEMENT TEST:

WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 8:00 TO 9:00.

CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

TOUR OF THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

It is a garden from the 18th century which was created as a place where New World plants could be put to help them adapt to the Canary Islands' climate. It has an exciting array of trees, an orchard garden and a pool where you can study algae.

SALSA DANCE CLASS

An hour long salsa and merengue dance class will equip you with the skills you need to go dancing in Puerto de la Cruz's salsa bars.

SESSION ON SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONO-MIC AND CULTURAL TOPICS CURRENTLY IN THE NEWS

One of our teachers will lead a discussion on current affairs using some newspaper headlines to generate conversations on topical issues in different countries.

WINE AND TAPAS TASTING

Depending on the number of students we will either do it at the school or in a wine and tapas bar. We will try three wines from the Canary Islands and typical products: mojo (a garlic sauce), cheese, gofio (toasted cornmeal) and almogrote (a kind of paste made with peppers and spread on toast).



Accommodation

For the duration of your course you can choose between:

- · Accommodation with a host family
- · Shared student apartment
- · Private apartments (standard and premium available) Please bear in mind that shared apartments are likely to be shared with students of different ages, not necessarily others participating in the 50+ program. For this reason, most of our 50+ students choose the Homestay accommodation option and on a half board basis. If you would like information on hotel accommodation, we would be more than happy to advise you, so you can make the best decision and find good value for your money! For more information on these accommodation options please refer to our specific brochures and don't hesitate to get in contact with us for any guidance or questions you may have!

Excursions

Additionally, we organize excursions every weekend at a reasonable cost, and you are welcome to sign up if you fancy seeing a bit more of Spain! One of the most popular excursions in **Tenerife** is climbing the Teide Volcano, either by foot or in a cable car which reaches an altitude of 3,555m and offers stunning views. In **Salamanca** a trip to Toledo is just one of the several excursions available. Once the capital of Spain from 1519 to 1561, this city is full of history and culture and what better way to appreciate the heritage of Toledo than by visiting its important monuments or the various museums which are included in this excursion.

Optional activity

Weekend: one-day excursion to a historical landmark, cultural monument or tourist attraction.

Accommodation: student residences or host families (ask about other options).

Certificate of completion

After completing the course participants will receive a certificate containing the following information:

- The type of program they took and its start and end dates.
- Their Spanish level.
- The total number of hours their course lasted for (including the number of hours of Spanish classes and cultural activities they participated in).
- Any other complementary activities which they did.